

ON THE SYNONYMY OF CERAPODA OBLITA WITH
NOTES ON THE TYPE OF "AGROTIS"
INSERTANS. (Lepid., Phalaenidae.)

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Cerapoda oblita Grt.

- 1877, Grote, Bull. U. S. Geol. Surv. Terr., III, 117, *Oncocnemis*.
1893, Smith, Bull. U. S. N. M., XLIV, 162, *Oncocnemis*.
1906, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., VI, 181, text fig. 50, *Cerapoda*.
1913, Barnes & McDunnough, Contr. N. H. Lep. N. A., II (1), 12, pl. V. ff. 3-4, *Cerapoda (Oncocnemis)*.
1922, Barnes & Lindsey, Ent. News, XXXIII, 9, *Cerapoda*.

insertans Sm.

- 1890, Smith, Trans. Am. Ent. Soc., XVII, 45, *Agrotis*.
1890, Smith, Bull. U. S. N. M., XXXVIII, 136, 139, *Carneades*.
1893, Smith, Bull. U. S. N. M., XLIV, 89, *Carneades*.
1903, Dyar, Bull. U. S. N. M., LII, 140, No. 1576, *Paragrotis*.
1903, Hampson, Cat. Lep. Phal. B. M., IV, 206, pl. LXIX, f. 10 (type), ignot., *Euxoa (Euxoa)*.
1917, Barnes & McDunnough, Check List, p. 44, No. 1393, *Rhizagrotis*.
1922, Barnes & Lindsey, Ent. News, XXXIII, 10, *oblita, Cerapoda*.

‡ *strigata* Auct. nec Sm.

- 1903, Holland, Moth Book, p. 170, pl. XX, f. 17, *Calophasia*.

deserta Grin.

- 1912, Grinnell, Bull. S. Calif. Acad. Sci., XI, 79, *Autographa*.
1917, McDunnough, Ent. News, XXVIII, 233, *oblita, Cerapoda*.

A specimen compared with the type of *oblita*, British Museum, and a type of *deserta* are in the Barnes Collection. Smith described *insertans* from the Neumoegen Collection, single ♂, Spencer's Bridge (1890), and in 1893 stated the type was in that collection. Accordingly, we wrote to Mr. G. P. Engelhardt and

he submitted to us a specimen labeled "Brit. Columbia Spencer Bridge 25/8", "Typicum Specimen", "Col. B. Neumoegen", "13281", "*Agrotis insertans* Smith Type"; the last label we believe in the handwriting of J. B. Smith. This specimen is very badly rubbed and in some regards does not fit the original description, the hind wing having fuscous along the outer margin and on the veins. It appears to be the specimen which supplied Hampson's figure (1903) although that figure is scarcely recognizable, the artist evidently using his imagination where the specimen was too poor to see details. Thus, unless labels had become shifted sometime between 1890 and 1902 this specimen is the type. Smith being notoriously careless in his descriptions, and with no proof to the contrary, we propose to consider the specimen labeled type to be the true type. It is a *Cerapoda* and although badly rubbed, is, in our estimation, nothing but *oblita*.

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Herman H. Brehm died September 30, 1924, at his home in South Amboy, N. J., following an illness of two years, at the age of fifty-five.

Born in Newark, N. J., July 24, 1869, he became interested in entomology when a boy of 16. For fifteen years from its inception he held the position of supervisor to the mosquito exterminating work under Dr. John B. Smith, then State Entomologist of New Jersey. While still in the service of the state, he moved from Newark to establish himself in his own home in South Amboy where he conducted the New Jersey Entomological Company, dealing in insect specimens and supplies. His demise no doubt will be felt near and far, as he kept in touch with entomologists all over the country. He enjoyed the good will of the Newark Entomological Society, of which he was a member of long standing up to the time of his death.

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